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1. FOLLOWING IS AMB FERGUSONS STATEMENT ON GVN AND RKG
CREDENTIALS DELIVERED AT MARCH 30 PLENARY.

QUOTE. MR CHAIRMAN: I REGRET THAT I FEEL COMPELLED
TO ASK AGAIN FOR THE FLOOR ON A MATTER WHICH I DO
NOT CONSIDER GERMANE TO OUR DISCUSSIONS. THE AGENDA
ITEM WE ARE DISCUSSING IS THE "REVIEW OF THE ECONOMIC
AND SOCIAL SITUATION IN THE ECAFE REGION AND
CONSIDERATION OF ACTION IN PRIORITY AREAS". WE HAVE
BEEN DISCUSSING UNDER THIS HEADING MAJOR ISSUES OF
FOOD, FERTILIZER, ENERGY, MASSPOVERTY AND SOCIAL
CONDITIONS IN THE AREA, AS WELL AS CONSTRUCTIVE
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PROPOSALS OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY ON HOW ECAFE CAN

BEST ORGANIZE ITSELF TO ASSIST IN RESOLVING THE MANY PROBLEMS IN THESE FIELDS. WE WERE MUCH IMPRESSED BY THE STATEMANLIKE APPEAL OF THE PRIME MINISTER OF SRI LANKA, THAT WE SHOULD NOT LET "WORLD POLITICS" INTRUDE ON OUR DELIVERATIONS OF THESE WEIGHTY TOPICS.

HOWEVER, MUCH TO MY REGRET THESE IRRELEVANT ISSUES HAVE BEEN RAISED. LEST OUR SILENCE BE LATER CONSTRUED AS ACQUIESCENCE IT IS NECESSARY FOR ME TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM WHICH UNQUESTIONABLY IS THE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH VIETNAM. THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM IS A MEMBER OF 12 UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND HAS FULFILLED ITS RESPONSIBILITIES FULLY. IN MY GOVERNMENT'S VIEW THE SO-CALLED PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVT OF SOUTH VIETNAM REPRESENTS A SMALL FRACTION OF THE POPULATION OF THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE POPULATION AND LACKS THE ATTRIBUTES OF A GOVERNMENT. ANY FORM OF RECOGNITION OF THE PRG WOULD DETER RATHER THAN PROMOTE THE POLITICAL RECONCILIATION IN VIETNAM, WHICH IS FORESEEN IN PARIS AGREEMENTS AND WHICH IS SO MUCH IN THE INTEREST OF ALL COUNTRIES OF THE REGION.

IN OUR OPINION IT WAS HIGHLY INAPPROPRIATE FOR A CERTAIN MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION TO RAISE THE ISSUE OF REPRESENTATION OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC. THIS IS PARTICULARLY SO IN LIGHT OF THE 28TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S DECISION TO POSTPONE DECISION ON THIS ISSUE TO THE 29TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

WE REGRET ALSO THAT ASPERSIONS WERE MADE AS TO THE LEGITIMACY OF CREDENTIALS OF THE DELEGATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA.
VAN HOLLEN

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